

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1) (Currently Amended): A package comprising:

~~a container and a closure; said container~~ having a generally cylindrical sidewall including an integral base wall at one end and an opening at the other end; ~~said container having~~ interior, exterior, bottom, and top surfaces; ~~said container having~~ retention means for retaining a closure at or near ~~said the~~ other end, and elevating means located near ~~said the~~ other end spaced from the opening; and

~~said a~~ closure having including a generally cylindrical sidewall ~~that is smaller in~~ having an outer surface of a diameter smaller than the interior surface of ~~said the~~ container sidewall ~~said closure having~~, an elevating means on the outer surface of ~~said closure~~ sidewall ~~that to~~ cooperates with ~~said container the~~ elevating means; ~~said closure~~ sidewall ~~has of the container,~~ a top panel integrally formed at one end; ~~said top panel~~ is and being smaller in diameter than the exterior diameter surface of the container sidewall, and ~~has having~~ a top convex surface, ~~that has little to no protrusion above~~ ~~said container other end;~~ ~~said top panel~~ has a bottom surface integrally connected to ~~said the~~ closure sidewall, and a side surface intermediate ~~said the~~ top and bottom surfaces at of the periphery of ~~said the~~ top panel;

~~said whereby the~~ container sidewall being is of such diameter, below the top surface and near ~~said the~~ other end, so as to accommodate ~~said the~~ closure top panel side surface and the container sidewall being is smaller in diameter than ~~said the~~ closure top panel side surface below ~~said the~~ accommodating diameter forming to form a ledge to limit the distance the closure can move into the container.

2) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 1 having sealing means such that when ~~said the~~ closure is applied to ~~said the~~ container such that the package is closed, a surface on the exterior of ~~said the~~ closure and a surface on the interior of ~~said the~~ container will be in continuous contact with each other so as to ~~prevent or reduce~~ mitigate against the ~~ingress or egress passage~~ of moisture or water vapor a fluid to the package along the area of contact.

3) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 2 where the sealing means is provided by continuous contact of a portion of ~~said~~ the container sidewall ledge top surface and a portion of the bottom surface of ~~said~~ the closure top panel when ~~said~~ the package is closed.

4) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 1 having a slot extending from the top surface of ~~said~~ the closure top panel toward the bottom surface of ~~said~~ the top panel.

5) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 1 having ~~said~~ the closure and ~~said~~ the container being composed of ~~one or more plastic materials~~.

6) (Canceled)

7) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 1 where the elevating means on ~~said~~ the container and closure are cooperating screw threads.

8) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 1 where the retention means on the container and closure are composed of an engaging bead at the opening of ~~said~~ the container sidewall and the periphery of ~~said~~ the closure top panel.

9) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 8 having retention means comprising the periphery of ~~said~~ the closure top panel and the engaging bead at or near ~~said~~ the open end of the sidewall to retain the closure within the container and a reduced diameter of ~~said~~ the sidewall below ~~said~~ the engaging bead to form a ledge that limits the distance the closure can be inserted into the container.

10) (Canceled)

11) (Canceled)

12) (Canceled)

13) (Canceled)

14) (Canceled)

15) (Canceled)

16) (Canceled)

17) (Canceled)

18) (Canceled)

19) (Canceled)